

Many Are Killed in a Big Explosion at Pekin, Ill.

Between 20 and 35 Persons Were Killed and 100 Injured as Result of Explosion and Fire.

BUILDINGS ARE REDUCED TO DEBRIS

Ident Occurred in Power House of Starch Products of the Corn Products Refining Company.

At 10 a. m. today, two buildings of the starch powder house, where the blast occurred, were reduced to a mass of burning debris.

Among the members who worked from a humble position to a seat in the exchange is Celestin A. Durand whose phenomenal rise from an obscure clerk to his present position occurred in a period of eight years.

Another striking example is Arthur G. Somers, now a member of Charles M. Scott, Jr., & Co., of which he became a senior partner January 1st.

Mr. Somers declared the first requisite for the young man who would succeed in Wall Street, is honesty.

Per Acre Crop Value in State Multiplied

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—North Carolina crop value has climbed from \$22.10 in 1900 to \$59 in 1923, according to an annual report issued today by Commissioner W. A. Graham.

German Druggist Sent to Jail When He Scored Paper Marks

Berlin, Jan. 3.—Six months in jail and a fine of ten trillion marks was the sentence imposed on a Frankfurt druggist for refusal to take paper marks in exchange for petroleum.

Masked Robbers Get \$4,000 Worth of Jewelry

DON'T PAY TO SWAP COTTON DOLLARS FOR BREAD AND MEAT

(By the Associated Press) Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3.—It has taken the advent of the boll weevil to blast into the minds of southern farmers that it does not pay to swap cotton dollars for bread and meat from the west.

WALL ST. BOYS DEMONSTRATE U. S. IS LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Evidence That the United States is a Land of Opportunity

New York, Jan. 3.—That the United States remains a land of opportunity is evidenced by the fact that during the last five years 30 former page boys on a telephone exchange have purchased seats in the New York Stock Exchange at \$80,000 or more each.

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ORDER IS ENTERED TO VACATE THE DIVORCE

Until Mrs. Sanderson Shall Satisfy the Court That She is a Resident of Rhode Island

Providence, R. I., Jan. 3.—Judge Chester W. Burrows, of the Superior Court, today entered an order vacating the divorce granted yesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, from Robert J. Sanderson, until such time as she shall appear in person and satisfy the court that she has been a resident of this state for more than two years prior to October 10th, 1923.



ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

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EDITORS MEET AT PINEHURST

North Carolina Press Association Opens Its Mid-Winter Session

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 3.—With the publishers and editors from all sections of the State present, the North Carolina Press Association opened its mid-winter meeting here today with President Chas. A. Webb, of the Asheville Citizen, presiding.

Shivering Washingtonians Gasp as the Executive Scorns Cold Wave

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Persons on the Washington streets today, bundling up their wraps in one of the coldest days of the winter, noticed a man in ordinary business suit walking briskly without an overcoat.

Thaw's Mother Will Oppose Attempt

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Former Judge James Gay Gordon, counsel for Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, indicated today that any attempt to have Thaw released from the Pennsylvania Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases would be opposed.

Kiyoura Will Try to Form Cabinet

Who Pays For Advertising?

Not the manufacturer, for he thereby procures more business, the profits from which more than offset the advertising cost.

Not the retailer, for advertised brands sell easiest, turn quickest and therefore yield the greatest on the amount invested per year.

Not the person who buys the advertised article, for the cost of production has been brought down by increased business and the cost of selling has been reduced because advertising has already practically completed the sale.

Advertising is an investment which produces returns and therefore pays for itself.

Fire at Halifax, Nova Scotia

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 3.—Fire this afternoon swept the Paris and Union hotels on Water street. The blaze started in the Paris. The entire upper story was in flames before fire apparatus arrived and, fanned by a stiff wind, the fire spread to the Union. Soon both buildings were blazing furiously.

Clearance Sale at Fisher's

CONGRESS RESUMES WORK AFTER THE HOLIDAY RECESS

With Indications Pointing to Busy Five Months Before Adjournment for the National Conventions.

DEADLOCK STILL REMAINS UNBROKEN

The Senate Ballots for Chairman of Interstate Commerce Committee.—Pyrotechnics in the House.

Washington, Jan. 3.—With the two weeks holiday recess over, Congress went back to work today with indications pointing to a busy five months before adjournment for the national conventions.

In the Senate, balloting for a chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee was the order after the usual morning hour for transaction of business of a routine character.

Next week the House expects to receive from the committee carrying funds for the interior department, Army and navy and other supply bills will follow.

HINES' CHANCES FOR RECOVERY ARE GOOD

Mabel Normand Taken to Hospital in Highly Nervous State

Texas is After Irvin S. Cobb For Violating Hunting Law

Man and Eight Children Burned to Death

Reward Offered for Gatling's Arrest

Fire at Halifax, Nova Scotia

DRASTIC ACTION TO CUT OFF ALLEGED LIQUOR DRINKING

By Members of Congress and Other High Officials is Demanded by Representative Upshaw, of Georgia.

MAKES VIGOROUS SPEECH IN HOUSE

Wants to Stop the Flow of "Diplomatic" Liquor in Bootlegging Channels.—Introduces Resolution.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Drastic action to put a stop to alleged liquor drinking by members of Congress and other high government officials, and to prevent leakage of "diplomatic" liquors into bootlegging channels, was demanded today by Representative Upshaw, democrat, of Georgia.

Mr. Upshaw said Congress should "clean around its own door by passing a resolution declaring persona non grata to the floor of the House, any member found under the influence of liquor in the capitol or house office building, or known to have liquor illegally acquired in his office."

He also suggested that all Federal appointees including cabinet officers, army and navy officers, and diplomatic and consular representatives abroad, be required to take a pledge of total abstinence.

THE COTTON MARKET

Renewal of Liquidation.—Decline of From 5 to 56 Points

Home Damaged by Fire

With Our Advertisers

Lutheran Missionaries in Hospital at Siang Yangfu

Queen Mary of England is said to be the best cook among the royal women of Europe.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Rain and colder tonight, Friday fair and much colder.

Some Marrying in Cumberland

Papertville, N. C., Jan. 3.—Dan Capid led the toll of 442 couples in Cumberland county during 1923, according to records of the register of deeds made public here on January first.

General Advance of Rebels to Begin Today

Yera Cruz, Jan. 2.—The general advance of the rebels on Puebla and Mexico City will begin today, according to insurgent headquarters.